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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REGULAR ENTRANCE INTO A BONUS GAME

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 - b. Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
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 - e. Background of the Invention
 - f. Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
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9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
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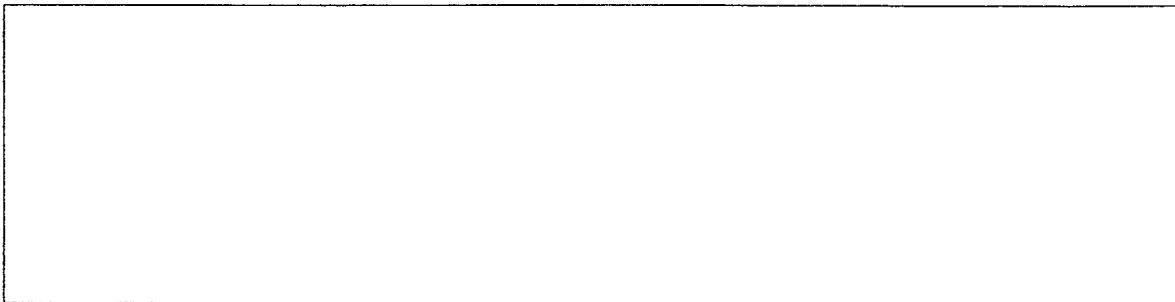
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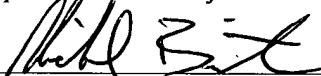
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